

#### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY DEGMER 1857 Roswell, New Mexico 88201

November 13, 1970

Mr. Byron McKnight P. O. Box 297 Hobbs, New Mexico 83240

Dear Mr. McKnight:

Your Application for Permit to Drill well No. 1 Mark Smith Ranch in the MNAMA sec. 35, T. 19 S., R. 33 R., Les County, New Mexico, lease NM 12024, to a depth of 3,800 feet to test the Yates-Seven Rivers formation in the Potash Area is hereby approved.

One copy of the application is returned herewith. Please notify the District Engineer, Geological Survey, P. O. Box 1157, Hobbs, New Mexico 83240, in sufficient time for a representative to witness all comenting operations.

Sincerely yours,

(ORIG. SGD.) N. O. FREDERICK

H. O. FREDERICK Regional Oil and Gas Supervisor

Enclosure

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